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LETTER DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ARGENTINA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

I have the pleasure to request you to kindly arrange for the attached text, containing a press release issued by the Argentine Government on the occasion of the conclusion of the negotiations on the chemical weapons convention, to be published and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed) Juan Archibaldo LANUS
Ambassador

Press release by the Argentine Government concerning the chemical weapons convention

"The Argentine Government expresses its satisfaction at the finalization in Geneva of the draft convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons.

This international treaty, negotiated over a period of two decades by the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, will completely eliminate an entire category of weapons of mass destruction, which in fact were used until only recently in armed conflicts, demonstrating their destructiveness and their devastating effects on the population.

The draft convention, a complex text of more than 200 pages, provides a mechanism for the verification of the chemical industry which adequately ensures faithful compliance with this instrument, at the same time protecting the legitimate industrial and commercial interests involved.

In order to supervise and coordinate the system of inspections envisaged, an organization for the prohibition of chemical weapons will be set up, based in The Hague.

Argentina has played an active part in this negotiating process that has finally culminated today, thereby confirming its transparent and responsible policy of non-proliferation in the field of disarmament.

In September 1991, almost one year before the conclusion of these important negotiations, Argentina, together with Brazil and Chile, reaffirmed this policy through the Mendoza Agreement to which Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay also acceded, thus imparting a regional character to their joint belief in the importance of the chemical weapons convention.

Attention should also be drawn to the recent measures adopted by the Republic which contribute to the objective of non-proliferation by restricting exports of certain sensitive chemical substances (Decree No. 603/92, which adheres to the principles and aims of the convention).

The recently concluded draft convention will be transmitted by the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Argentine Republic calls upon all States to accept the draft convention and sign it as soon as possible."

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LETTER DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE HEADS OF THE DELEGATIONS OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND CHILE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT, TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE DELEGATIONS OF THOSE STATES AT THE VIIth SPECIAL SESSION OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA (OPANAL), RELATING TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 28 OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

We have the pleasure to transmit to you the text of the statement made by the delegations of Argentina, Brazil and Chile at the VIIth special session of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL), relating to the provisions of article 28 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

We would be most grateful if, in accordance with established practice, you would arrange for this text to be issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and circulated to all delegations, both of member States and of observer States.

(Signed) Juan Archibaldo LANUS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
the Argentine Republic

(Signed) Celso L.N. AMORIM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Federative Republic of Brazil

(Signed) Ernesto TIRONI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Chile

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE RELATING TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 28 OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

"The Governments of the Argentine Republic, the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Chile,

"Considering that article 28, paragraph 2, of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America provides that all signatory States shall have the imprescriptible right to waive, wholly or in part, the requirements laid down in article 28, paragraph 1, and that they may do so by means of a declaration which shall be annexed to their respective instrument of ratification and which may be formulated at the time of deposit of the instrument or subsequently,

"Declare that, as soon as the three countries complete the procedures of ratification of the text of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America, as amended, they shall waive all those of the requirements referred to in article 28, paragraph 1, of the Treaty which are not yet met."